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**SURF LIFE SAVING
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**SYDNEY BRANCH
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35th ANNUAL REPORT

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEASON 1983-84

Notice is hereby given that the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at the Maroubra Seals Club, Marine Parade, Maroubra, on Wednesday, June 27, 1984, commencing at 7.30pm.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting, held June 22, 1983.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Welcome to Guests and Visitors.
4. Correspondence.
5. Presentation of the 35th Annual Report for the Season 1983-84.
6. Election of Officers and Committees for the Season 1984-85.
7. Confirmation of Radio Officer, Helicopter Director, IRB Supervisor, and JRB Supervisor.
8. Motions of which due notice has been given.
9. General Business.

Glenn Thomson

Honorary Secretary

Sydney Branch

Surf Life Saving Board of Control.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Honorary Superintendent	Trevor Elliott
Deputy Superintendent	Ron Howells
Honorary Secretary	Glenn Thomson
Examination and Instruction Supervisor	Bernie Kelly
Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Ken English

Sectional Supervisors

IRB Supervisor	Graham Bruce
JRB Supervisor	Ken Blakie
Helicopter Director	Peter MacCormick
Radio Officer	John Wardall

District Supervisors

Royal National Park Clubs	Frank Osborne
Cronulla-Sutherland District	Bruce Breadner
Randwick District	Barry King
Waverley District	Stewart Bailey

Assistant District Supervisors

Royal National Park Clubs	Glenn Thomson
Cronulla-Sutherland District	Mick DeLuca
Randwick District	Garry Bennett
Waverley District	Trevor Perrin

Emergency Services Co-ordinator	Ian Badham
Board Gear Steward	Percy Ainsworth

Board Committees

Gear Inspection Committee

Nick Dixon (Convener), Ken English, Ross Williams, Keith Midson, Frank Osborne, Grahame Smith, John Oldham, Albert Moseley, Greg Hewett, Peter Steenson, Marion Lucas, John Vaughan, Bob Davison - Representative from IRB Panel, JRB Panel and Radio Panel.

Meritorious Awards Committee

Bill Gray (Convener), Ron Howells, Keith Rowswell, Steve Strange, Alan Morris, Kevin Andrews, Albert Moseley.

Resuscitation, Research, Development, Instruction and Medical Panel

Frank Osborne (Convener), Peter Carney, Peter Quartly, Ernie Stephens, Bruce Breadner, Mick DeLuca, Charlie Matthews.

Manual Revision Committee

Peter Carney (Convener), Ron Howells, Ernie Stephens.

Patrol Competition Committee

Bruce Breadner (Convener), Four District Supervisors, Four Assistant District Supervisors.

MEMBERSHIP

Life Members (20)

P.Ainsworth	N.Dixon	R.Michaelis	J.Switzer
K.Andrews	R.Howells	A.Moseley	J.Vaughan
V.Besomo	D.Lucas (decd)	F.Osborne	J.Wardall
H.Brown	R.McKenna (decd)	A.Purcell	J.Young
L.Buck	K.Messenger	E.Sier	
J.Dewey	L.McDonald	E.Stephens	

Long Service Members (20)

R.Avery	R.Craig	L.Johnson	J.Minahan
R.Bridges	B.Crisp	A.Jordan	V.Mulcahy
E.Brooker	J.Donohoe	K.Manton	R.Sargeant
J.Casey	H.Hodge	D.Medlin	H.Spurway
C.Christiansen	R.Horton	K.Midson	T.Wheeler

Members (159)

A.Ainsworth	G	P.Doolan	C	M.Lucas	E	K.Rowswell	E
M.Alvos	P	G.Dovey	P	P.MacCormick	H	D.Ryan	E
M.Andrews	G	P.Easson	P	R.Macpherson	P	R.Sandstrom	E
M.Andrews	P	T.Elliott	EAIR	W.Marshall	C	P.Sargeant	E
I.Badham	HR	K.English	E	G.Martin	E	M.Sargeant	G
S.Bailey	E	D.Falkiner	E	M.Martin	P	W.Sawyer	P
F.Bailey	P	R.Ford	EHAR	C.Matthews	EA	K.Schenk	P
J.Baker	E	B.Fraser	E	J.May	E	J.Seddon	E
G.Bennett	E	J.Fraser	E	R.McCormack	E	G.Sewell	JR
J.Bentley	P	R.Freer	I	D.McGroder	J	J.Shaw	L
M.Berger	E	B.Gardiner	I	P.McGuinn	E	G.Shields	E
E.Biram	P	A.Gately	XA	D.McHugh	P	R.Sheldon	E
C.Bissell	E	R.Gillroy	E	K.McKeachie	E	R.Silcock	E
K.Blakie	J	M.Gladstone	E	G.McMah	X	M.Singleton	I
B.Breadner	EA	R.Goodall	E	C.Melvey	EA	A.Smith	E
F.Breene	P	M.Gooley	P	A.Menzies	C	F.Smith	EI
G.Bruce	EI	W.Gray	E	K.Metcalf	J	G.Smith	E
E.Cahill	P	R.Green	J	N.Miller	E	D.Smith	E
P.Calder	E	R.Griffin	P	A.Morris	HJ	J.Solomon	L
R.Camilleri	I	K.Grima	EAI	P.Murphy	E	K.Solomonson	E
R.Cane	P	J.Hall	X	D.Murray	L	D.Sorensen	J
P.Carney	EAR	W.Halpin	E	M.Murtagh	P	S.Spencer	P
M.Clancy	E	J.Hammond	E	S.Newman	L	S.Sporle	E
R.Colman	P	R.Hammond	E	R.O'Malley	E	J.Stansell	C
K.Connell	E	L.Harris	C	J.Oldham	E	P.Steenson	E
J.Connolly	L	G.Harte	I	D.Pacey	EI	S.Strange	E
P.Cooper	E	G.Hewett	E	J.Park	P	R.Taylor	CI
D.Cooper	I	G.Howells	G	P.Pearce	I	B.Taylor	E
R.Cotter	EA	D.Iredale	E	R.Pears	E	B.Thompson	E
L.Curtis	P	N.Jamieson	E	K.Pennell	E	G.Thomson	EA
K.Davis	E	R.Johnson	X	T.Perrin	E	D.Tindall	P
P.Davis	E	W.Josland	E	L.Platt	E	I.Toll	E
R.Davison	E	P.Julian	P	D.Popplewell	ER	B.Townsend	CI
P.Davison	P	B.Kelly	EAIR	L.Potapof	EI	B.Tually	E
P.Day	A	B.King	E	J.Poulos	C	P.Vanny	EA
R.Day	C	E.Kirkman	I	P.Quartly	EA	A.White	I
M.DeLuca	XA	G.Kitzler	P	L.Raper	C	D.Wiggins	E
M.Densmore	P	M.Lawther	E	W.Rennie	E	R.Williams	E
C.Dick	G	J.Lloyd	P	F.Ridley	P	D.Wilson	I
D.Dick	I	L.Love	E	A.Ross	E		

Code...E = Examiner
H = Helicopter Examiner
J = JRB Examiner
I = IRB Examiner
A = ARC Examiner
R = Radio Examiner
X = Examiner (exams only)
G = Attached Member
C = Competition Member
L = Country Member
P = Probationary Member

FOREWORD

This season, with the introduction of a new Manual, it would have been understandable if award numbers had been well down on last season. However, the report statistics show otherwise and this would only have been possible with a lot of hard work and dedication from Instructors and Examiners in the Branch.

The ranks of lady Board members continue to increase and, with the same trend emerging with female competitors, a favourable balance is being maintained.

Sydney Branch Board members were again prominent at other Branch carnivals, intrastate, State and Australian Championships. A special thank you to the Examiners from our neighbouring Branches who assisted at our own local carnivals.

On behalf of the Branch Officers and member Clubs, congratulations to all sections of the Board of Control for their efforts in the past season and, in particular, their contribution to the maintenance of high standards of life saving through Patrol and First Aid Championships, Gear Inspection, Field Days for IRB's, JRB's and the SLSA Westpac helicopter.

I invite all Board members to study this report fully, learn what has been achieved this season and be enthused to support fully your Superintendent, Executive Officers and their programme for the ensuing season.

Rex Sargeant,
Sydney Branch President

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Honorary Superintendent, Trevor Elliott and the Officers of the Board, I take pleasure in presenting to you the 35th Annual Report, covering the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control's activities in the 1983-84 season.

The year under review has been one of growth, achievement and quiet consolidation; building on the successes of previous years; meeting the challenges presented during the year confidently, handling them effectively and getting on with the task at hand.

The major challenge this season has been the introduction of a new Training Manual, which, due to technical problems, was not available before the season commenced. Credit is due to all concerned in the manner in which the problems caused were handled and the effective procedures adopted to retain Examiners and Instructors in the revised procedures.

We were, two months ago, contemplating explanations for a major shortfall in basic awards. Whilst Surf Life Saving Certificates are down on last year's Qualifying Certificate figures, we have surpassed last year's excellent Bronze Medallion figures.

Some concern has been shown at the low Advanced Resuscitation Certificate numbers and small number of Radio Operators Certificates this season. Rectification of this situation will be one of the tasks confronting your Officers in the coming season.

As expected with the late release of the new Manual, a rush of squads was presented around Christmas, which caused the Board manpower problems. Some of these squads had been inadequately prepared, the standard was quite patchy and there were a significant number of failures. Standards have subsequently risen and the number of failures is now around the average.

One unforeseen result of the new Manual has been that to conduct an adequate examination, approximately one hour has been added to the whole exam; this has, in itself, led to a reduced availability of Examiners, due to the need to roster more Examiners - particularly to mass exams.

Over the season, over 200 examinations were held for basic awards. Additionally many Proficiency Examinations were held, at which the whole of the Board's active membership officiated.

This season, six Open Carnivals, a craft carnival, the Interdistrict Carnival, Branch Championships, Metropolitan Championships and Branch IRB Championships were conducted by the Board on behalf of the Clubs. Additionally, the Pier One and Cronulla Mazda Marathon Boat Races and the Rossfield Carnival at the Bondi Icebergs Club, were successfully conducted.

Members of the Board officiated at the NSW Championships, NSW IRB Championships and Australian Championships at Wollongong, Dixon Park and Kurrawa (Qld) re-

spectively.

The Branch "Life Saving 84" Seminar at Maroubra on July 23, 1984, was judged by all to have been a success; an introduction to the new Manual was made for all present and the State Instructional Squad (comprising 11 members of the Sydney Board of a total 15), attempted in very cold, unpleasant conditions, to show us what it was all about.

In the afternoon, the Hon. National Superintendent, Warren Rennie, and the Hon. State Superintendent, John Dewey, spoke of the aims and direction of the Association in the future and explained to the Seminar the changes made in the Manual and how these reflect the continuous evolution of the SLSA's methods.

Bernie Kelly organised two "Hands On" Field Days for Examiners to come to grips with the new Manual, during the season. I attended the first at North Cronulla which was well attended and highly successful, getting members out on the beach to "do the exam", so that they were in a position to demonstrate correct methods when the need arose.

The second Field Day at North Bondi was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

The Board thanks the North Cronulla and North Bondi Clubs for the use of their premises and facilities for these Seminars and apologises to the North Bondi Club for the inconvenience caused them.

Resultant from the fiasco at North Bondi, the Board was extremely short of qualified examiners and it was necessary to introduce a system whereby members who had not attended either Field Day, assisted an updated examiner with squads, until they were proficient in the new methods.

This severely strained the Board's resources in December and January, as there simply were not enough qualified examiners to go round all the squads being presented.

On December 7, 1983, the Board held a Club Captains Night at the Maroubra Seals Club. This event was well worthwhile, only two Clubs being notable in their absence. The format will be changed slightly for the coming season, but, in essence, it will remain a night for Club Captains to share information and experience, and to discuss common problems with the Board Executive.

On December 8, 1983, John Dewey again organised the Board Christmas Party, for both Board and Branch members, which was, without doubt, one of the best SLSA functions held in recent times. Our thanks to John for his efforts on our behalf; to those who came and enjoyed themselves, thanks; our commiserations to those of you who missed a really good party.

Returning to business, the State Centre again organised the R&R Field Day at Forster SLSC, which was extremely well attended by teams and Board members, all of whom gained valuable knowledge and experience, which has been evident in the increasing standards both of the teams and the officials in competition.

Another Field Day organised by the State Centre was for March Past at Redhead SLSC, attended by members of our Board and, again, highly successful, particularly with its consideration of the difficulties of judging a March Past effectively with a limited number of judges.

As a result of changes agreed at this Field Day, the Hon. Deputy Superintendent, Ron Howells, ran a Branch Field Day at North Cronulla to work out the details of the implementation of these changes in Sydney Branch. Our thanks to North Cronulla SLSC for the use of their facilities and premises.

Ken English, the Carnival & Competition Supervisor, held the Annual Carnival Organisers meeting on September 21, 1983, and suddenly found how unprepared some Clubs are when it comes to a carnival. Clubs seem to think that the carnival poster just appears - they don't realise that they must come to this meeting with their entire list of events cut and dried.

Considering that this coming season is very short (competitively) and starts early, this may be the year that unprepared Clubs get events allocated on the

night; there will be no time to chase them and get the poster out before entries close for the first carnivals of the season.

The Register of current ARC holders has now been established and is working effectively. At the end of the coming season, we will be able to quote actual figures for the total number of current ARC's held within the Branch - that is, after two years, all certificates except those on the register will have lapsed.

The Resuscitation, Research and Instruction Panel has continued its work, particularly with outside groups and other Branches, in the instruction and examination of ARC candidates.

The Panel, under Frank Osborne's leadership, has become heavily involved with the Red Cross in the formulation of a Red Cross First Aid Certificate for SLSA members. Given the necessary approvals by both the SLSA and Red Cross, the first "live in" course is scheduled to be held this coming July. The new certificate will have the ARC as a prerequisite.

Given the major upgrading of resuscitation standards which has occurred within the Association since the introduction of the ARC, we can expect a similar flow-on of benefits from this Certificate, which will enhance the effectiveness of patrols and members in general to meet their responsibilities.

The IRB and JRB Panels again held their joint winter exercise and AGM at South Maroubra, which was well attended and very successful.

Graham Bruce's first year as IRB Supervisor has been fairly eventful; his concern early this season was maintenance standards. Some craft were not inspected prior to the season and a rash of maintenance-related mechanical problems early in the season, caused the Panel to rethink its procedures, resulting in the appointment of a number of craft inspectors.

Buttercup-Vogels and Outboard Marine again provided sponsorship for the Branch IRB Championships. Our thanks to both these Companies for their continued support of our IRB activities.

The Sydney Branch SLSA Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service continued to dominate the public image of the Branch's emergency mobile services. The Service has been formed as a company, owned by the Branch, and this season took delivery of its new Squirrel aircraft.

The Service's role, both in surf rescue and general emergency service within the Sydney Region and surrounding areas, continues to increase as its worth and the calibre of its crews becomes more appreciated by other emergency service groups.

Significantly, the Service is increasingly being called as emergency transport in the outlying metropolitan region, to ferry critically ill and injured patients to major hospitals, allowing the patients to reach medical help faster and enhancing the efficiency of the mobile services on the ground. Our thanks to Peter MacCormick (Helicopter Service Director), Dan Tyler (Chief Pilot), David Jones (Line Pilot), Bob Ford (Crew Chief) and Doctors Ian Millar and Richard King (Medical Crewmen) for their efforts to ensure the indispensability of the Service to Sydney.

No discussion of the Helicopter Rescue Service can be made without acknowledgment of the large sums of money invested in it by the Sponsors...Westpac Banking Corporation, TCN Channel 9 and Radio 2UE. We can only hope that each of them feels that the return on their investment, in the form of public awareness of their role with the Service, is satisfactory.

Both JRB2 and JRB3 had successful seasons; JRB2, in particular, took part in a number of rescues in the Gunnamatta Bay and North Cronulla areas which involved use of divers and, to their credit, a number of crew members have begun training to gain a rescue diver's certificate.

Both boats have had the usual minor problems mechanically during the season, but none of these has put a boat out of the water for extended periods. The JRB service has, during the season, built on success, gaining new members and increasing the effectiveness of their operations. Considerable preparation and

training, plus accumulation of equipment, has taken place during the year to equip the craft so that they may be used at night when necessary. Joint exercises have been held with the Water Police, to familiarise crews with night landmarks, and this training continues. In the eventuality that a boat must go to sea at night, strict operating procedures have been laid down in the interests of safety.

Nick Dixon again led a very able Gear Inspection Panel, but the overall result was patchy. It was necessary for the Branch to demand explanations from some Clubs regarding the state of their gear; yet, overall, those Clubs who had prepared their gear, maintained the standards we have come to expect and the result was a 3-way dead-heat between Burning Palms, Cronulla and Maroubra.

The Panel is concerned about the amount of Club gear which only appears for inspection occasionally and the Board had adopted a method of registration of all Club life saving gear which will operate from the next Gear Inspection.

The Board conducted the 3rd Branch Patrol Championship at South Maroubra on April 15, 1984. Bruce Breadner, aided by the District Supervisors and their Assistants, put the competing patrols through their paces throughout the day.

It is heartening to see that the overall standard has increased yet again and that competing Clubs stayed on to watch other Clubs compete - indicating that the event is being taken seriously by all concerned and that Clubs are critically assessing their performance in comparison with other Clubs.

The Board congratulates the placegetters - Wanda, 1st; Elouera, 2nd; and Coogee, 3rd, for their efforts and notes that whilst the seven other Clubs who competed were not placed officially, there was not a great margin overall in the point-score on the day, reflecting the very high standards of the competition.

The Branch First Aid Championships were conducted over two rounds at Cronulla to select entries to the State Championships. Both Senior and Junior teams were nominated to the State Championships and obtained placings in the competition. In the coming season, additional competitive rounds will be run at carnivals and it is hoped that the event will be included on the carnival poster.

The Board's sincere thanks to the Red Cross V.A.D. for organising these competitions, including patients and make-up, and their assistance in creating situations liable to be faced by the patrol on the beach.

Membership.

To begin, we reproduce and extend the table presented by Steve Strange in his last report -

<u>Classification</u>	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>
Life Members	22	22	23	23	20
Long Service Members	18	19	19	20	20
Examiners	68	68	75	81	84
JRB Examiners.	8	4	4	4	5
IRB Examiners.	6	3	5	7	14
Helicopter Examiners	3	1	1	2	4
ARC Examiners.	2	1	6	6	1
Radio Examiners	1	1	2	1	1
Examinations only	5	3	3	7	6
Competition Members.	9	6	7	14	8
Attached Members.	-	-	-	-	4
Country Members	5	4	3	3	3
Probationary Members	5	6	14	11	29
	<u>152</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>199</u>

The figures are not exactly comparable, as each person has only been counted once and many, as reference to the re-arranged membership list shows, hold multiple certificates.

What the figures show is a slight increase in the number of Examiners for Bronze and Surf Life Saving Certificate duties, but a very healthy increase in the numbers of Mobile Services Examiners and a large influx of new members. The major-

ity of these new members will be able to sit for their Examiner's Certificates early in the coming season and will be welcome additions to the Board's strength.

A more accurate representation of the Board's strength can be seen from the following table, which indicates Clubs and the number of members of each Club who are actively involved with the Board.

Club	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Bondi	10	7	4	2	5
Bronte.	3	6	3	1	4
Burning Palms	5	5	5	4	5
Clovelly	2	3	1	2	2
Coogee.	12	7	7	6	9
Cronulla	13	14	10	9	20
Elouera	10	10	8	7	11
Era	5	5	4	4	4
Garie	4	2	2	2	3
Maroubra	10	12	11	11	14
North Bondi	5	4	5	5	8
North Cronulla	14	11	15	13	25
South Maroubra	5	5	6	7	10
Tamarama	6	6	4	3	7
Wanda	12	10	10	8	16
	<u>116</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>143</u>

This year's figures include the total involvement of the Board's members, whether as Examiners, IRB, JRB, Helicopter and Radio Examiners, or Carnival officials and underscores the fact that the Board is consolidating and growing.

However, we still have need to cry that there are not enough hands to cope with the workload presenting itself. We have all been at examinations this season where squads have had to wait to be examined, and we have all been at carnivals where three judges have nominated for March Past, the Craft Area has run with five officials and only three officials have nominated in the Beach Area.

Many of us have family, friends and other commitments outside the SLSA that we like to see occasionally, and with the ever-increasing workload and complexity of the Board's operations, the substantial increase in membership is still not enough to reduce the pressure. Too often we are still forced into the situation where we have to "plug gaps" to cover a situation and meet a challenge as best we can.

Ideally, if the current increase in membership can be sustained, we can get to a situation where long term future activities of the Board and responses to foreseeable situations can be planned - in other words, with more hands, we can set future goals and targets and then all work toward them without being side-tracked by operational needs.

New Members.

During the past season, the following members gained their Examiner's Certificates -

Helicopter Examiner...Peter McCormick
 JRB Examiner.....Ken Blakie, Ken Metcalf
 IRB Examiner.....Peter Pearce, Gary Harte, Brad Taylor, Ellis Kirkman
 Radio Examiner.....Graham Bruce, Peter Quartly
 Examiner's Certificate...Sheryl Sporle, Grahame Bruce, Ross Cotter,
 Andrew Ross, Kath Connell, Kym Pennell,
 Michael Lawther, Doug Iredale.

Meetings.

At the date of compiling this report, the Full Board has met four times and the Executive 10 times, with a further meeting of the Executive to occur before the Annual General Meeting.

Attendance patterns have been -

	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>
1st meeting	34	37	35
2nd meeting	40	53	47
3rd meeting	44	47	38
4th meeting	37	45	40

Executive attendance has been as follows -

<u>Officer's Name and Position</u>	<u>Meetings Attended</u>
Trevor Elliott, Hon. Superintendent	10
Ron Howells, Deputy Superintendent	9
Glenn Thomson, Hon. Secretary	10
Bernie Kelly, Examination & Instruction Supervisor.	8
Ken English, Carnival & Competition Supervisor	6
Ian Badham, Emergency Services Co-ordinator	9
Ken Blakie, JRB Supervisor	9
Grahame Bruce, IRB Supervisor.	9
John Wardall, Radio Supervisor	9
Peter MacCormick, Director, Helicopter Rescue Service.	3
or his nominees	
Stewart Bailey, Waverley District Supervisor.	7
Barry King, Randwick District Supervisor	8
Bruce Breadner, Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor	8
Frank Osborne, Royal National Park Clubs Supervisor	6

In the past season, the Executive has instituted the practice of inviting Assistant District Supervisors to attend Executive meetings; this has been successful and their contribution to the operation of the Executive has been beneficial to all concerned.

During the past season, the Board has held all its Full meetings at the Maroubra SLSC; our thanks to the Club for the use of their premises and their hospitality.

The Executive has normally met in the Beach Room at the Maroubra Seals Club, which we have found ideal for our purposes. Our thanks to the Management and members of the Seals Club for the use of their premises.

CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The concluding season saw the Board officiate at ten surf carnivals and two marathon surf boat races. Although weather conditions varied greatly, carnivals in the main, ran smoothly.

Thanks are extended to Ron Howells, Rex Sargeant, Trevor Elliott, Ernie Stephens, Albert Moseley, John Dewey, Nick Dixon and Ken English, who accepted the mantle of responsibility of Carnival Referees.

The passing of Don Lucas, O.B.E., left a major gap in the beach arena; however, the response by Board members to assist in the area was pleasing.

R&R competition increased greatly during the season and more members of the Board will be needed to mark R&R cards; similarly, this requirement arises in the March Past event.

To Graham Bruce and his team of hard-working IRB drivers, a "well done" is proffered for the excellent way in which the buoys are placed, moved and recovered.

With my first season now completed in the position, it is my intention to revise the format for appointments for the coming season, a decision which has come about from the constructive criticism received from members.

In conclusion, I would extend a general thank you to all Board members who officiated at carnivals, the Clubs who ran them and their Carnival Organisers.

To the Superintendent goes my sincere thanks for his assistance and guidance.

Ken English,
Carnival & Competition Supervisor.

EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The 1983-84 season has now closed and on review, it seems that it has been one of our busiest and perhaps most exciting seasons. I think all Examiners secretly look forward to a new Manual. This year, we had a Manual presented to us with a challenge - to re-evaluate our standards and to face an increasing content of emergency services in our Bronze syllabus. I am pleased to report that we are meeting that challenge.

The new Manual was introduced in New South Wales by a State Instructional Team. The Team came from the Sydney and Manly-Warringah Branches and numbered 15 Examiners. Our Board supplied eleven of these - John Dewey, Peter Calder, Bernard Kelly, Graham Bruce, Ron Hammond, Ernie Stephens, Marion Lucas, Debbie Ryan, Peter Davis, Charlie Matthews and Grahame Smith.

My thanks, and indeed the Board's thanks, to these members for the way they introduced the new Manual to our State. Their efforts did not stop after the formal introduction, they attended the majority of exams, working hard to improve and maintain the standards of the new Manual.

The season was also a surprising one in relation to Award figures; during the season, I was concerned with the lack of Awards. However, a last minute deluge of examinations resulted in a very pleasing Award tally - only just down on last season (a record year). The Bronze Medallion tally was 451, an increase of 69 on the previous season. However, the Awards of Instructors Certificates, Surf Life Saving Certificates and Advanced Resuscitation Certificates, are lower in numbers. The various Power Rescue Supervisors have also been working hard, which resulted in an increase in Helicopter, IRB and JRB Awards.

The Board ran two Instruction and Examination Field Days, two Board New Members Nights and a new ARC Examiners Night. We also had a large involvement in the "Life Saving 84" Seminar. Unfortunately, not all these functions were well attended. The second Examination and Instruction Field Day was cancelled, due to lack of attendance.

The 1983-84 season saw the Second Edition of the Sydney Branch Information Directory, a document I hope the Branch will continue to produce and to increase in content. The 1983-84 Directory contained a full Surf Life Saving calendar, detailed patrol requirements, information on the annual Gear Inspection and conduct of the Branch Patrol Competition, examination procedures, a sample Bronze Medallion exam and important phone numbers.

During the past season, we introduced a new system of recording ARC updates, a card system with a Branch copy and a candidate's copy, the candidate's copy being wallet-sized and giving a requalification date.

Proficiencies last season were handled on a District basis, with Frank Osborne (Royal National Park), Greg Hewett (Cronulla-Sutherland), Peter Carney (Randwick) and Carl Melvey (Waverley), appointed Examiners-in-Charge for all exams within their respective Districts. These men did an enormous job in ensuring a high standard of Proficiency examination.

Next season should see the introduction of a surf-orientated First Aid Course, thanks to Frank Osborne and Peter Davis. These men are currently working with the Red Cross for the establishment of this Course.

Advanced Resuscitation training is now being conducted mainly by highly qualified and motivated Club Instructors. All Clubs now have competent ARC Instructors. These Instructors are even visiting neighbouring Clubs to assist and compare training programmes. Such a spirit of co-operation between these small Club sections is remarkable and I commend Instructors such as Pearce Biram, Dave Radford, Len Potapof, Frank Osborne, Ross Cotter, Don Smith and Bruce Tually; now the hard working ARC Panel should have time to concentrate on special projects and research.

Last season, some Clubs were a pleasure to conduct examinations at. I thank the Chief Instructors of the Burning Palms, Cronulla, North Cronulla, Elouera, Maroubra and North Bondi Clubs. You have made our job so much easier.

We have a lot of hard working Examiners on our Board; I thank the District Supervisors and their Deputies for their work with preliminary exams - Frank Osborne, Glenn Thomson, Bruce Breadner, Mick DeLuca, Barry King, Garry Bennett, Stewart Bailey and Trevor Perrin. Also, Len Potapof, Peter Davis, Charlie Matthews, Greg Hewett and Peter Calder for their hard work and reliability in examinations; Frank Osborne and his ARC Panel; our members who acted as Examiners-in-Charge and all our members who officiated at Surf Life Saving Certificate and Bronze exams, proficiency tests, IRB, Radio, JRB and Helicopter exams, and those who gave up their week nights for ARC exams.

I also wish to thank Henry Hendra from State Centre and Joan Vaughan. Joan has taken over an enormous amount of my workload and has done it in such a cheerful fashion. Thank you, Joan, you have made my job so much easier.

Bernie Kelly,
Examination and Instruction Supervisor

The following tables list the awards gained during the 1983-84 season, compared with the previous three seasons and the total awards gained by each Club in the Branch.

Award	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Qualifying Certificate.....	278	272	300	78
Surf Life Saving Certificate.....	-	-	-	207
Bronze Medallion.....	414	378	382	451
Resuscitation Certificate.....	61	44	89	62
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate..	187	175	220	221
ARC - Instructors Certificate.....	10	9	18	15
Instructor's Certificate.....	38	49	56	45
Examiner's Certificate.....	8	7	13	8
IRB - Crew Certificate.....	61	39	27	26
IRB - Driver Certificate.....	48	21	15	30
IRB - Instructor's Certificate.....	8	7	12	4
IRB - Examiner's Certificate.....	3	2	4	4
JRB - Crew Certificate.....	3	-	18	14
JRB - Driver Certificate.....	1	4	9	7
JRB - Instructor's Certificate.....	1	-	5	1
JRB - Examiner's Certificate.....	-	1	2	2
ARC - Examiner's Certificate.....	5	3	-	-
Radio Operator's Certificate.....	62	59	75	31
Radio Instructor's Certificate.....	2	9	9	6
Radio Examiner's Certificate.....	2	-	2	4
Helicopter Crew Certificate.....	2	-	2	5
Helicopter Instructor's Certificate.	1	-	1	-
Helicopter Examiner's Certificate...	-	-	-	1
Helicopter Specialist Certificate...	-	-	-	20
Advanced Life Saving Certificate....	1	-	1	4
	1210	1079	1270	1246
Bondi.....	74	66	67	76
Bronte.....	30	76	52	83
Burning Palms.....	9	28	32	16
Clovelly.....	26	11	37	21
Coogee.....	115	68	90	97
Cronulla.....	89	68	131	137
Elouera.....	127	105	117	84
Era.....	25	14	15	27
Garie.....	38	56	69	39
Maroubra.....	65	68	111	114
North Bondi.....	112	80	63	112
North Cronulla.....	103	179	185	131
South Maroubra.....	65	103	111	83
Tamarama.....	58	21	25	54
Wanda.....	153	96	147	116
Helicopter Rescue Service.....	-	-	-	20
Community.....	55	40	39	36

SYDNEY BRANCH SLISA WESTPAC HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE

This season saw a rapid rise in call-outs, with the Service responding to 465 calls for the year. These were made up 70 rescues, 207 medical missions and 188 search and support.

The introduction of a new training system which involved all rescue crew to do pre-flight training in addition to their normal on-patrol training and weekend training, has proven invaluable in improving the standard of the crew.

The training of new crew has continued with the introduction of a reserve crew status for new crewmen who, once they have been accepted into the crew, undertake a six months training session with the regular crew and fly with the three-man crew as an extra man, weight and mission permitting, so they can be assessed by the regular crew.

The helicopter crew is very proud of its safety record and the efforts of Bob Ford, our Training Officer, has been a contributing factor towards this safety record. Last year saw the introduction of two new pieces of equipment for the helicopter - the Canadian Bambi Fire Bucket and the Furno Washington Stretcher, which have increased our response capabilities.

Recently, the upgrading of the doctors' physical fitness has improved the standard of the doctor crewmen and we have been fortunate to have a large influx of new volunteer doctors. Unfortunately, one of our hardest working doctors, Dr. Jon Wood, who was on the Medical Committee, has left to take up an appointment in New York and his efforts will be sadly missed.

On behalf of the Helicopter Rescue Service, I would like to thank the Board of Control and all its Officers, for their continued help and assistance over the year.

Peter MacCormick,
Helicopter Director.

IRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

This past season, I am pleased to report, has been a challenging but successful year for the Inflatable Rescue Boat section. At the outset, I would like to extend my personal thanks and appreciation to all those people who gave me their support throughout my first year - in particular, Harry Brown, Peter Pearce, Joan Vaughan and the members of the Board of Control Executive.

All Clubs participated at the annual Field Day held at Cronulla and, as reflected in the IRB activities schedule, most Clubs have put a large amount of work into their own training programmes.

IRB inspection were carried out by our honorary inspectors during the annual Gear Inspection in September. It is pleasing to report that all IRB's and motors which were presented, were ready to commence patrol duties. Unfortunately, it was disappointing to note that a couple of Clubs did not present their IRB's for inspection until after the commencement of the season.

IRB Examiners carried out a large number of examinations throughout the year. I cannot report that there were no failures; however, the general standard of driving and crewmanship was found to be quite high. I would like to congratulate all Club members who were successful in gaining an IRB award over the past season and also thank the Club Instructors for the time and effort that they have put in.

The IRB's once again showed what an effective rescue craft they are in performing a total of 495 rescues, which represents 29% of all rescues performed in the Branch. On numerous occasions, the IRB's worked in co-ordination with the Jet Rescue Boats from the Cronulla-Sutherland and Randwick/Waverley Districts and also in conjunction with the Sydney Branch SLISA Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service. Preventative actions, another important aspect of IRB surveillance work, were also successfully carried out.

The Sydney Branch IRB Championships were conducted as a twilight carnival at Elouera on Wednesday, 15th, and Thursday, 16th February, 1984. All events were successfully conducted and congratulations are extended to all winners, place-getters and participants. North Bondi were the overall pointscore winners, with Cronulla and Bronte taking out second and third places respectively.

The Championships were once again sponsored by Buttercup-Vogels, and I offer my sincere thanks for their financial support. Personnel from Outboard Marine Australia were present at the Championships, assisting crews with mechanical problems; the company donated a number of products which were presented to the event placegetters. Our thanks to them, also.

The New South Wales IRB Championships were held at Dixon Park, in the Newcastle Branch, on Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th May, 1984. As frequently happens, the conditions were poor and placed a great strain on all officials and crews. The Sydney Branch contingent of drivers and crewmen performed very well in the 3-4 metre surf, Bronte gaining equal third place in the overall pointscore.

The laying of buoys at all Sydney Branch carnivals was accomplished using the National Council "Sanyo" IRB, in conjunction with the local Club's IRB. This Branch is very fortunate to have a person such as Harry Brown, who willingly provides all his expertise in this arena. My appreciation is extended to Harry and also John Dewey, Arthur White, Bill Singleton, Gary Harte and Craig Smith, for their assistance and to all the IRB crews who participated.

On a sadder note, I am displeased to see that some Clubs have been utilising their IRB's for other purposes during patrol hours; for example, as a support craft to a surf boat marathon. Guidelines have been issued to cover the use of IRB's and should be followed.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Ken Brown and his staff from Zodiac Inflatable Boats (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and Outboard Marine Australia for their assistance and back-up throughout the year.

Finally, to all members who participated in our IRB activities during the past season, to the officials at the IRB Championships, IRB Inspectors and Examiners, the Club IRB Captains and Instructors, thanks for a job well done.

IRB Activities Schedule, 1983-84

Club	IRB's	Motors	IRBE	IRBI	IRBD	IRBC	Rescues
Burning Palms	1	2	1	-	-	-	3
Era.....	1	-	-	-	2	1	3
Garie.....	1	2	1	1	5	3	36
Cronulla.....	2	5	-	-	2	3	36
North Cronulla.....	1	2	-	1	2	1	82
Elouera.....	2	4	1	-	3	1	43
Wanda.....	3	4	-	-	4	4	42
South Maroubra.....	1	1	-	-	3	2	62
Maroubra.....	2	2	1	2	3	2	43
Coogee.....	-	1	-	-	2	2	-
Clovelly.....	1	1	-	-	1	1	2
Bronte.....	2	4	-	-	-	-	10
Tamarama.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bondi.....	2	2	-	-	-	-	63
North Bondi.....	1	3	-	-	3	5	70
	18	29	4	4	30	26	495

IRB Examiners: H.Brown, G.Bruce, B.Gardiner, M.Singleton, A.White, R.Camilleri, D.Cooper, K.Grima, D.Pacey, B.Kelly, D.Dick, R.Freer, B.Taylor, T.Elliott, P.Pearce, E.Kirkman, R.Cane (probationary), P.Quartly (probationary).

IRB Inspectors: G.Bruce, K.Grima, L.Potapof, A.White, D.Dick, B.Gardiner, D.Cooper.

Graham Bruce,
IRB Supervisor.

JRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

I believe that this season, we have seen the Jet Rescue Boats in this Branch move into their true '80's role, thanks to a lot of people who supported the objectives I laid down at the close of the 1982-83 season.

Gone are the days of JRB's carrying out individual beach patrols or continuing the old role of Jet Jockeys of the past.

Today we see these valuable, integral parts of our life saving system fulfilling the long needed rescue role of overall back-up for groups of beaches and stretches of coastline which may not have been previously patrolled, where many accidents have occurred in the past.

The speed of these craft and the fact that they are manned generally by specialist operators and crew, has meant that they have been able to get to the scene of accidents, sometimes at real distances from their base, in a matter of minutes, and have then been able to carry out full rescue operations along with excellent patient care when required.

These factors, along with the thousands of dollars worth of craft that have been saved from being wrecked by the quick action of the crews and ability of these JRB's to tow such stricken craft, certainly says a whole lot for this group of dedicated life savers and their rescue vessels.

Yes, JRB's are expensive to purchase and reasonably costly to maintain and run and I am only too aware that our knockers are quick to seize on this point, but I believe a few points should be clarified or highlighted.

We know that "life" has no real dollar value that can be attached to it. We know that the \$120,000 worth of craft towed from probable wreck scenes doesn't put money directly in our pockets.

We know that the public who witness a JRB in full action don't necessarily then write out a cheque and post it off to the SLISA in recognition of services given or rendered, but in the overall picture of public and sponsor support, can anyone say JRB's have not been responsible for a fair proportion of donated moneys or funds granted from Federal, State or Local Government to the SLISA of A as a whole?

The JRB Group members are only too aware of the difficulty of funding and that is why literally hundreds of man-hours each year are given by those members to maintenance and care programmes for their boats and equipment. All this on top of their rostered patrols, plus their roles they carry out for their own Clubs, whether it be as competitors, administrators, IRB crewmen or general patrolmen.

In my 30 years of surf life saving, I have yet to meet a more dedicated band of men and women. If all other sections of our Movement put the effort and hours into their own Clubs that these people do, we would, I am sure, have a total rescue organisation that would be truly cost effective and short on critics.

I referred earlier to the number of operations carried out by the two JRB's, I now expand on these and other statistics.

Rescues....13 Swimmers
1 Yachtsman
1 Diver
1 Windsurfer
1 Craft Crewman.....Total of 17

Searches....6
Boats Towed...\$120,000 = 8 craft
First Aid...1 (requiring total care)
Preventative Actions...265 persons, 3 boats
Kilometres patrolled...1,230

In addition to these statistics, crews have gained 41 SLISA of A Awards throughout the season, bringing to 287, the total awards held amongst 60 crewpersons.

At this point, I should emphasise the fact that five of these crewpersons are

females, who are fully qualified JRB crewman award holders and carry out complete rostered patrols and duties.

I am sure you will agree this is a great contribution to the standard of surf life saving in Sydney Branch.

Both crews have upgraded their required roles as a full operating part of the 24-hour call-out system. This has meant the purchase of special equipment and funds for this have been raised by each group from special sponsors and/or collections. Appropriate training has been carried out to ensure that the standard applicable to meet such call-outs has been instituted and is ongoing.

We have worked in exercises with our Clubs, sister groups, rescue organisations such as Police and, to further expand our capabilities, approximately 12 crewpersons have, at their own expense, trained, sat and passed the Scuba Diver Basic Course, as the first step in becoming underwater rescuer divers.

As we face the challenge of the mid-80's, changes will continue to place problems before us, but I am sure that with the ongoing training programmes I have in mind, and with the enthusiasm that the group has, these challenges will be met with confidence.

In closing, I wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Randwick Municipal Council and Sutherland Shire Council for their continued financial support. It is great to know that they fully acknowledge the role played by Jet Rescue Boats. Our appreciation is also extended to our sponsors in particular, Gus Liu - UD Nissan Diesel Truck & Rapid Transport Industries, and to Buttercup-Vogels, who have assisted financially and to Sydney Branch, our District Executive Committees and Clubs for their support. Thank you.

Ken Blakie,
JRB Supervisor.

RADIO SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The "Sydney Surf" Radio Room was fully operational during the 1983-84 season, for a total of 1,332 hours, staffed by a complement of 14 operators.

It is also worthy of mention that, as last winter, some operators are assisting the Rescue Helicopter in radio work from the Helicopter Base at the Royal North Shore Hospital.

Early in the season, it was pleasing to hear the Waverley Council and the Sutherland Shire Lifeguards using UHF radio equipment. It is a shame the Branch Clubs don't embrace a similar policy.

A continuing disappointment is still the attitude of some Clubs to recognise that radio is indeed a life saving aid, and won't go away.

At the season's start, four Clubs were informed of serious faults in their radio systems and not until a special motion was moved in March 1984, did they reluctantly take any action at all. Their "head in the sand" attitude seriously weakens our rescue coverage, as they are continuously an unknown quantity and cannot be relied upon.

It is also significant that the same Clubs do not appear in the gaining of radio awards. I hope that they use the winter period to their own advantage, as the Branch has indicated some strong resolutions will be forthcoming.

On the credit side, the Branch-owned equipment continues to perform very well, and where minor repairs were needed, it is pleasing to acknowledge the continuing speedy and efficient services of Nat Cohen.

I wish to also acknowledge and thank the Board and Branch Officers for their co-operation extended throughout the season.

John Wardall,
Radio Supervisor.

WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Over this past season, the patrols have been of quite a reasonable standard, but with a common problem throughout the four Clubs in the Waverley District of patrol members not wearing patrol caps, even at times whilst carrying out rescues in the surf, causing confusion and possible danger to the member. This will have to be rectified.

The introduction of the new training manual meant a slow start to the training of Bronze and Surf Life Saving Certificate candidates, but certainly there has been an increase of the standard of candidates presented for examination since the start of the season. Even with the introduction of the manual, it is very good to see that the overall numbers of awards have increased. This is due to the hard work of Charlie Matthews of North Bondi, Herman Unsworth of Bondi, Dave Radford of Tamarama and Mick Clancy of Bronte.

During the past season, a lot of effort has been put in by Pearce Biram, one of Bondi's professional lifeguards and a veteran member of the North Bondi SLSC. Pearce gained his Advanced Resuscitation Examiner's Certificate and, with the assistance of Carl Melvey, Peter Quartly, Peter Davis and Charlie Matthews, has trained and examined many new Advanced Resuscitation Certificate candidates and updates. It is fantastic to see so many experienced life savers spending the time and passing on their knowledge for such an important award.

Carnivals were held at Bondi and North Bondi, which proved to very successful. Congratulations to the Clubs and their competitors for successes at Branch, State and Australian Championships.

A fine example has been set this season to Clubs in the Waverley District by the North Bondi IRB crew, captained by Gunther Kitzler. Their IRB has been on patrol and in the water every day of patrols this season and they have assisted on many occasions with examinations held in the District, for which I thank them.

To my deputy, Trevor Perrin, for the assistance with many preliminary exams that were carried out, also to the Club Executives and others who assisted me, I thank you for your support.

Stewart Bailey,
Waverley District Supervisor.

RANDWICK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

With the introduction of the new Manual, this season saw a drop in awards, compared to last season. During 1983-84, 20 Bronze Squads and 17 Surf Life Saving Certificate Squads gained their awards.

The standard this year was not as good as last year, with the late start in the training of squads. I hope next season, with the manual well and truly in and understood, that Chief Instructors make sure that squads are up to final exam standard before rushing them into a preliminary exam.

During the season, I could not be on four beaches at once, so when there was a clash of exams, some of the district's examiners helped me out. To them, I say thank you, and thanks to David Popplewell, Craig Bissell, David Wiggins, who helped me out on several occasions.

On the beach, the life saving standards were high and it was good to see Clovelly, under new Captain Mark McGuire, patrol their area well. I hope Mark and new Chief Instructor, Glen Clarke, stay on for next season - we will see a new standard at Clovelly if they do.

At the District Carnival, Maroubra won the Molloy Shield and in the District Patrol Competition, the honours went to Coogee.

The District did well on the competition side with Ron McKeon first in the Open Belt at the Australian Championships and Darren Schott 2nd and Wade Harper, 3rd, in the Junior Malibu. Congratulations to them and all the District's life savers who competed at the Carnivals.

During the 1983-84 season, the District Jet Boat covered over 700 kilometres patrolling the coastline in the Randwick and Waverley Districts. To Ken Blakie and the drivers and crewmen, thank you for your efforts and co-operation this season.

Thanks must go to the Randwick District Executive Committee for their support and also to the Club Captains for their co-operation - Phil Vanny, Luke Platt, Tony Waller and Mark McGuire - thank you. I hope the same co-operation is afforded to my successor.

Barry King,
Randwick District Supervisor.

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Patrols in the Cronulla-Sutherland District have, for the most part, been maintained at a very high standard throughout the 1983-84 season. This fact was shown in the results of the Sydney Branch Patrol Championships, with Wanda and Elouera gaining first and second placings respectively. The Wanda patrol, captained by Doug Iredale, was successful for the second consecutive year, and Doug should be congratulated for his leadership and dedication.

The attitude of Club Captains and Vice-Captains to their life saving responsibilities has been positive and this attitude has flowed on to the patrol members and their general approach to patrol duties has been encouraging.

One of the major reasons for the improvement in patrols has been the attitude and support of the District Executive Committee. The Executive, who were concerned about our patrol strengths, instructed me to inspect all patrols and to report back to them at our monthly meetings. My report was then circulated to the Clubs and I had the opportunity to discuss any points of interest at the Club Life Saving meetings, with the Captains and Patrol Captains. I was also instructed to conduct a monthly meeting with Club representatives and the Shire lifeguards to discuss any problem areas. In addition to my report to the Executive, I was also responsible to report to the Board of Control.

This system provided positive communication between myself, the Club Captains/Patrol Captains, the District Executive, the Board of Control and the lifeguards. The result was a workable system which allowed the Supervisor to contribute in life saving matters and to avoid many situations before they became problems.

We have expanded the life saving facilities in the District this season, with patrols being responsible for radio equipment, walk patrols between Clubs, with Cronulla being responsible for the area south to Shelly Beach and Oak Park and the other Clubs being responsible, on a roster basis, for the area north of Wanda. Our continuing efforts to establish a mobile patrol in the area north of Wanda have not been entirely successful. However, next season will see some changes and, hopefully, an efficient system will result.

I thank the District Executive for their support and the system they have helped to establish should be continued in the future.

My thanks also to the Club Captains and Vice-Captains for their courtesy and to all the patrol members for their efforts. The JRB2 Group have been very active during the season and have been responsible for many rescues under difficult conditions. The Group have personally raised all their own finances and much credit must go to them for their initiative and dedication. The IRB drivers and crewmen have also performed many difficult rescues and I thank all these people for their efforts.

The Chief Instructors of the four Clubs have worked very hard with SLSA awards and although we began slowly because of the unavailability of the new Manual, the awards increased towards the end of the season. Many thanks to all the Instructors.

My association with the Shire lifeguards has been one of mutual respect and the Superintendent, Ron Siddons, and his entire staff have been most helpful and obliging throughout the entire season.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my Deputy, Mick DeLuca, and all the members of the Board for their assistance during the season and I congratulate the four Clubs for their successes during the season and their successful efforts to provide safe, well patrolled beaches for the surfing public in the Cronulla-Sutherland District.

Bruce Breadner,
Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor.

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK CLUBS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

During the year, Peter Pearce and Brad Taylor gained their IRB Examiner's Certificates and Ross Cotter his general Examiner's Certificate.

The Clubs have maintained patrols on the beaches and, in the next season, will be able to sign on to "Sydney Surf" direct when the repeater network is completed. This will give more credence to the radio system and the District will, I hope, no longer feel like "Orphan Annie".

Awards have not slipped much with the advent of the new Manual.

At Garie's Seminar in September, the new idea of patrolling the beach using mobile patrols equipped with 1-watt radios will be vigorously promulgated.

The District Executive Committee is to decide if they will continue to hold a full Saturday carnival next season; if so, an IRB back-up vessel will certainly be required, together with the full co-operation of all Clubs.

The District Executive Committee is also looking at proposals to have a First Aid post manned at Wattamolla by the Clubs in the District, with the support of the National Parks & Wildlife Service, together with the possibility of manning Garie Beach with professional lifeguards during the Christmas School vacation.

It is pleasing to note that both Garie and Burning Palms Clubs received money in the State Government's Capital Works Grant, to improve and complete their respective Clubhouses and I am looking forward to being at the official opening of the Burning Palms clubhouse in the coming season.

Frank Osborne,
Royal National Park Clubs Supervisor.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The past season, 1983-84, was again one of change, with the introduction of the new Surf Life Saving Training Manual, revised Competition Manual, new methods of March Past Competition judging and the addition of the Junior 4-man R&R to State Championship level. Together with the new Branch Management restructure, heavy demands and burdens have been placed on Board of Control Officers, District Supervisors, Examiners, Instructors and Competition Officials, throughout the entire season.

Congratulations to the Board of Control Instructional Squad, who contributed to the early introduction of the new examination and instruction procedures, throughout the State, and to those Board members who attended both the Redhead March Past and the Forster R&R Seminars, to assist bringing the Board judging to higher standards.

Once again, attendance at Board pre-season examination procedure and competition instructional field days, was disappointing and Board members will need to take a more responsible attitude prior to the commencement of the coming season.

Although the new Manual was not available for the commencement of the season, District Supervisors - Stewart Bailey, Barry King, Bruce Breadner, Frank Osborne - and their Deputies, together with Club Instructors, have persevered and achieved a high number of awards, although just below last season's record high.

Both the patrol competition and the First Aid competition were of a higher standard, but some Clubs are still not participating. It is suggested that these two competitions be held on the same day in future, with more media

participation.

The co-ordination of the Emergency Services through Ian Badham's efforts this season, is taking shape with better communications and understanding with all services. The 24-hour call-out procedure has been further developed and night exercise training is in progress.

Ken Blakie, in his first year, has successfully co-ordinated the Jet Rescue Boats into an effective, valuable co-operative service, utilising this valuable equipment for rescue back-up for the full Branch coastline. Awards are up and the crews are dedicated and experienced.

Our Inflatable Rescue Boats have, once again, made an exceptional contribution to our Clubs' patrol work, under the guidance of Graham Bruce in his first year. Awards were slow early in the season, but picked up towards the end of the season.

Sydney Surf Radio Network has performed effectively with their compact group of dedicated operators and their efforts have been recognised at last with distinctive uniforms. John Wardall has had a difficult year with some Clubs' equipment not being up to Branch Gear Inspection standards and taking most of the season to achieve this standard.

Bernie Kelly has once again inducted a good intake of new Board members, but Ken English has had the usual problem of insufficient carnival officials, but has always managed to provide just enough.

As reported last season, there is still a growing concern for the end-of-season Club patrol activities. Some Clubs still appear to have difficulties manning full and effective patrols, as required by the Branch Constitution. Clubs must be made aware that their prime function is to be responsible to provide and maintain the standard of patrols that the public expect.

My sincere thanks to Trevor Elliott and Glenn Thomson for their support and enthusiasm, and to Harry Brown and his crews who continually support and back-up our competition.

Ron Howells,
Deputy Superintendent.

THE YEAR'S WORKLOAD.

The various undertakings and activities of the Board during the 1983-84 season are summarised below. This involved a considerable effort on all members concerned.

- * Provision of Examiners to conduct award examinations, resulting in -
 - a total of 451 Bronze Medallions, an increase of 69 on last season
 - a total of 1,246 awards in all categories
- * Proficiency Tests to requalify over 1600 Club members this season
- * ARC updates and examinations at Clubs
- * New Manual updates at North Cronulla and North Bondi
- * Sydney Branch "Life Saving 84" Seminar
- * Open Carnivals, Rossfield and Interdistrict Carnivals, Pier One and Mazda Marathon Boat Races
- * Branch Championships at Cronulla
- * Branch IRB Championships at Elouera
- * Metropolitan Championships at South Maroubra
- * Participation by members at the NSW and Australian Championships
- * Branch First Aid Competition
- * Branch Patrol Competition
- * Participation of members at the NSW IRB Championships
- * New Members Induction and Examination Night
- * Gear Inspection of all Clubs' life saving gear prior to the season
- * Assistance to other Branches in instruction of their Board members
- * Instruction of outside organisations by the A.R.C. Group
- * Lectures and demonstrations by the Helicopter Rescue Service

- * Participation by Board members in the C.P.R. demonstrations at the Festival of Sydney
- * Participation of members in the Apex-Woolworths C.P.R. programme
- * Training and examination of squads on behalf of the National Council
- * Interbranch Championships at Dee Why

REMEMBRANCE.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of three members during the past year.

Don Lucas, O.B.E., former National Superintendent, Life Member of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Life Member of the NSW State Centre, Life Member of the Sydney Branch, Life Member of the Cronulla SLSC. At the time of his death, Don was Patron of the Cronulla SLSC.

Bob McKenna, Life Member of the NSW State Centre; Life Member of the Sydney Branch.

Ernie Wallbank, Active member of the Board of Control; Past President of the Cronulla SLSC.

All of these men were members of the Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club and, between them, had contributed over 100 seasons to the activities of the Board of Control.

Their leadership and example were outstanding; they shall be sorely missed.

CONCLUSION.

I would like to thank the Presidents and Committees of the Branch Clubs for their co-operation during the season, in hosting the various activities of the Board - often at very short notice - but always warmly welcomed.

Special thanks to the Maroubra Club for having hosted our Full Board Meetings and to the Seals Club for hosting our Executive Meetings.

The forthcoming season will see a further increase in the Board's activities, in that the increasing active membership will allow us to confront some of the outstanding issues on a planned basis, with the effective allocation of enough people to ensure the task does not fall back onto the willing few.

To my fellow Board members, thanks for a highly successful season, a job well done; done efficiently in the traditions of the Sydney Branch Board; sometimes, the prestige of the Board has been upheld by extremely hard work by a few, under trying circumstances - to those members who have gone out of their way to ensure success, our collective thanks.

To Ian Badham, the Board's Emergency Services Co-ordinator, my personal apology for not requiring a report, but at the moment, you have so many projects on the boil, it would be unfair to spoil them by discussing them yet. However, the thanks of the Board and its Executive to you for your unstinting labour during the season in your co-ordination activities with the Emergency Services Groups.

My thanks to the Board Executive for their support during the season and, in particular, to Trevor Elliott, for his guidance and advice, which has enabled me to attempt to reach for the standards set by my predecessor.

Lastly, the Board's and my personal thanks to Joan Vaughan for her efforts on behalf of the Board, ensuring that the paperwork gets done and that reports, Minutes and other paperwork are out, correct and on time.

Glenn Thomson,
Honorary Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This Report marks the completion of the 1983/84 Season and credit must go to the Secretary, Glenn Thomson for the compilation of the report and to the officers of the Board of Control for their individual reports and efforts.

This season was marked by change with the introduction of a new Surf Life Saving Training Manual and the Restructure (on trial) of the Sydney Branch as well as consolidation within the Board of Control with a gain in the number of members. There was an increased awareness of emergency services and the ground laid for the improvement in radio access through the imminent introduction of the radio repeater network particularly for 24 hour radio communications for the Royal National Park Clubs.

The Examination and Instruction area of the Board is to be congratulated for providing eleven members of the panel set up to introduce the new manual to New South Wales and their participation in the "Lifesaving 84" Seminar which introduced it to the Branch.

The mechanics of introducing a new manual and the delay in their availability caused the work load of examinations to be concentrated later in the season. A good effort was made by Bernie Kelly and the examiners to handle this situation. However, the overall award figures were eventually slightly below those of last season, but the number of Bronze Medallions has overcome the trend for this award to drop in the year of introduction of a new manual.

The District Supervisors, Frank Osborne, Bruce Breadner, Barry King and Stewart Bailey bore the responsibility of overseeing lifesaving in their areas. We should all take notice that our way of Club life and the viability of the Association can only be maintained while patrol obligations are put first. Credibility with the public and our privileged recognition within all levels of government depend always on the effectiveness of our Association. Clubs must take the first step and be prepared to put 100 percent into Lifesaving.

Helicopter, Jet Rescue Boats, Inshore Rescue Boats and Radio Room under the umbrella of Emergency Services performed creditably. The Helicopter, as the flagship service under Peter McCormack, maintained a high professional standard and improved their access to and recognition within other rescue and emergency transport organisations.

Ken Blakie and Graham Bruce have strived to consolidate the areas under their supervision. The JRB Groups are proceeding towards 24 hour callout proficiency and have developed further skills by undertaking Rescue Diving Courses.

IRB's have maintained their position as the prime method of rescue on our beaches.

The Branch Radio room has been manned, as we have come to expect, by a dedicated band in a very worthwhile operation.

Ian Badham and John Wardall have represented the Branch's interest in discussions with State Centre on the workings of the repeater network, and are formulating improved call out responses with the emergency groups to back-up this improvement in communications.

The Carnival Season was successfully conducted under the leadership of Ken English. Carnival Officials again supported a heavy programme within the Branch and made major contributions to the running of the State and Australian Championship Carnivals. Our Carnival Gear under the Stewardship of John Dewey assisted by Arthur White was again of excellent standard, a factor, along with the commitment of the "Sanyo" IRB and its dedicated crewmen, that contributes to the successful running of carnivals.

The Branch Championship Patrol Competition moved into its third year and is now well established as playing a vital part in recognising the efforts of the "lifesaver" within the Branch.

Wanda's patrol with Doug Iredale again Patrol Captain put up an excellent performance and must be congratulated for their efforts in winning on the day.

The Board of Control Executive, as an incentive, decided to recognise a Board member each year whose involvement is beyond that already expected. It is with pleasure that I can record and thank Greg Hewett for his efforts during 1982/83 season and Peter Davis this 1983/84 season. These men have both given an example in dedication to lifesaving in Sydney Branch.

Trevor Elliott,
Superintendent.

BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1983-84

Season	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Registrar	District Supervisors			
							No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
1949-50	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			T. Moran	G. Johnson	H. Small	V. Williams	G. Wild
1950-51	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	G. Johnson	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	P. Hickman
1951-52	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	M. Black
1952-53	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1953-54	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1954-55	W. Foerster	J. Marsden	V. Williams			G. Davies	L. Johnson	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1955-56	J. Marsden	A. May	V. Williams			R. Simmons	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	B. Brewin	M. Black
1956-57	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			R. Bridges	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	G. Cavanagh	J. Wardall
1957-58	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	R. Davey	R. Young
1958-59	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	A. Moseley			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Brewin
1959-60	H. McDonald	J. Marsden	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Elliott
1960-61	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Elliott
1961-62	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1962-63	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1963-64	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	J. Casey	P. Ainsworth	A. Kelly	B. Walker
1964-65	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	B. Brewin	J. Young
1965-66	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	F. Osborne	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1966-67	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1967-68	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1968-69	A. Moseley	N. Dixon	W. Swingle			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1969-70	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	W. Swingle			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1970-71	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	W. Walton	J. Young
1971-72	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	R. Leix	J. Wardall	J. Young
1972-73	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett J. Switzer J. Vaughan			S. Newman	W. Winzer	R. Leix	J. Wardall	J. Young
1973-74	R. Howells	J. Dewey	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1974-75	J. Dewey	L. McNamara	J. Switzer			K. English	F. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1975-76	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		K. English	F. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1976-77	J. Dewey	K. Messenger	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	J. Wardall	P. Quartly
1977-78	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Sargeant	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1978-79	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Parsons	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1979-80	J. May	T. Elliott	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	J. Fraser	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1980-81	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	M. Clancy
1981-82	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	J. May
1982-83	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	C. Matthews
1983-84	T. Elliott	R. Howells	G. Thomson	B. Kelly	K. English	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	S. Bailey

